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SUBJ: REACTIONS TO NOTICE OF USG PUBLIC HEARING ON
CANADIAN MEAT AND LIVESTOCK IMPORTS

REF: STATE 222310

1. ALL CANADIAN MEDIA HAVE GIVEN SUBJECT ANNOUNCEMENT
PROMINENT REPORTING AND COMMENTARY OCTOBER 10 AND 11.

2. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ALLAN MACEACHEN TOLD
PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY THAT GOC WOULD TAKE SERIOUS VIEW OF ANY
USG RETALIATION AGAINST THE IMPORT QUOTAS IMPOSED BY
CANADA, AND SAID HE HAD CONVEYED CANADA'S VIEWS ON MATTER
TO SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AT A RECENT
MEETING AT UNITED NATIONS. MINISTER MACEACHEN CONCLUDED IT
IS STILL TOO EARLY TO PLAN FURTHER ACTION BY CANADA SINCE
QUOTE THEY (USG) HAVE JUST FILED NOTICE THEY INTEND TO
TAKE RETALIATORY ACTION UNQUOTE.

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3. AGRICULTURE MINISTER WHELAN TOLD PARLIAMENT HE
DOES NOT EXPECT USG RETALIATORY MEASURES TO LEAD TO
TRADE WAR. HE SAID GOC CONSIDERING SENDING
REPRESENTATIVE TO HEARING TO PRESENT CANADA'S CASE.
HE NOTED THAT CANADA BUYS TWICE AS MUCH FOOD FROM
U.S. AS THAT COUNTRY BUYS FROM CANADA, AND QUOTE
WE ARE MUCH SMALLER COUNTRY UNQUOTE
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